

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please remove the first paragraph on page 30 of the specification and insert the marked up paragraph below:

If written in a programming language conforming to a recognized standard, the software 2424 can be executed on a variety of hardware platforms and for interface to a variety of operating systems. In addition, the present invention is not described with reference to any particular programming language. It will be appreciated that a variety of programming languages may be used to implement the teachings of the invention as described herein. Furthermore, it is common in the art to speak of software, in one form or another (e.g., program, procedure, process, application, module, logic...), as taking an action or causing a result. Such expressions are merely a shorthand way of saying that execution of the software by a machine, such as the computer system N00, 2400, causes the machine to perform an action or produce a result.